Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraphs [0022] and [0023] with the following paragraphs:

[0022]   Figure 6 depicts a flow diagram of a general method for one embodiment of the current invention. A database may be partitioned into multiple units for use as recovery units in step 605. A primary catalog as described above is created in step 610. The primary catalog may contain the logical metadata elements for a recovery unit. Multiple log stream files may be created in step 615 such that only one log stream is associated with a particular recovery unit, although, multiple recovery units may share a single log stream file. In one embodiment there are preferably as many log stream files as there are recovery units. Secondary catalogs may be created in step 620. The secondary catalogs created may contain the physical metadata elements of a respective recovery unit. The two types of catalogs may be linked in step 625 such that they refer to distinct recovery units. Thus the framework of recovery units may be established. The user of system may then be able to maintain the secondary catalogs such that if a recovery unit need be exercised, it can perform off line ~~with out affection~~ without affecting the availability of the remaining recovery units.

[0023]   Thus created, recovery units may be used to advantage to maintain or recover portions of the database off line from other recovery units within the same database. Additionally, the framework of recovery units ~~alls~~ allows the transfer of one or more recovery units from one database to another. Figure 7 depicts a flow diagram for a method of copying one or more portions of a database structured as recovery units from one database to another.